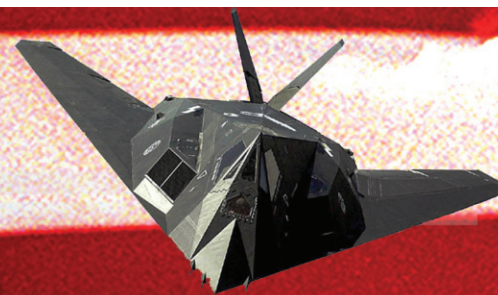


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Briefly

Changes of command

The German Air Force Flying Training center change of command ceremony is at 10 a.m., today at Hangar 286.

The 49th Mission Support Group change of command ceremony is at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Heritage Park.

Travel cards

People who are 1-30 days delinquent the first time will automatically receive a letter of counseling from their first sergeant.

Gas hopper

The 4th Space Control Squadron hosts a gas-n-go from 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday at the mini mall.

Independence Day

Team Holloman celebrates Independence Day July 2.

- There is a family fun-filled festival from 4 to 7 p.m. at the fitness center.

- Tops in Blue performs at 7:30 outside of the fitness center. Seating is limited, so bring a lawn chair.

- A firework display will follow the show.

For more information about these events or to volunteer help, call the Whispering Sands Community Center at 572-7476.

Correction

The Bioenvironmental Engineering Office is at building 15, the main clinic.

To contact the office, e-mail bio.request@holloman.af.mil.

Wing deploys to West Pacific

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Some of the 49th Fighter Wing F-117A Nighthawks and about 300 support personnel deployed to the Western Pacific region Thursday and today.

"As part of our continuing force posture adjustments, we are deploying additional forces through the Western Pacific," said Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th FW commander.

These deployments are an appropriate measure to maintain a credible deterrent posture and presence for the region, and it demonstrates the continued U.S. commitment to fulfilling security responsibilities throughout the Western Pacific, the general said.

This deployment also provides a unique training opportunity to help integrate various forces into Pacific Command's joint and coalition exercises from forward operating bases.

It's important to understand these deployments are not in response to any specific situation in the region, general Cichowski said.

"We routinely evaluate our readiness and reposition forces as needed to ensure we maintain the capabilities necessary to meet all our obligations throughout the Western Pacific region," General Cichowski said.

There are currently an additional 434 Team Holloman members deployed around the world.



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Maj. Mark Rose, 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, saluted an F-117A Nighthawk Thursday. More than 100 other 49th Maintenance Group members also waved goodbye to the 49th Fighter Wing F-117A Nighthawks that deployed Thursday to the Western Pacific region. More Nighthawks and about 300 personnel will also deploy this week.

"The 49th Fighter Wing Airmen and their families are dedicated to serving America," General Cichowski said. "You can be proud

of today's Airmen. They are a dedicated group who love freedom and continue to support the Air Force mission in defense of our country."



High: 93
Low: 62
TODAY



High: 93
Low: 62
SATURDAY



High: 91
Low: 63
SUNDAY



High: 92
Low: 63
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

FSC: Best Spouse on Base essay winners

You have probably seen him around base—tall, handsome, carrying a baby on his chest in a trusty Baby Bjorn carrier, while balancing a blonde haired blue eyed two year old sucking his thumb and holding his blanket on one arm, all the while grasping the hand of the four year old “big brother.”

He frequents the commissary (at least once a week), the Community Center’s “squishy” playground, and the base library. In town, he hangs out at all the hot spots—Walmart, McDonald’s playground, Kid’s Kingdom (otherwise known as the “maze” playground), and the zoo.

You surely have seen this man about town. He’s Bill Zoldi, my husband, and father of Rhys, Lukas, and Darik (in that order). He’s one of the few men who has chosen to take the hither-to relatively uncharted path of “stay at home dad.” His choice to do this, and how incredibly well he does it all, makes him the best candidate for the title of “Most Wonderful Spouse.”

It started two years ago, when we were assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy and our oldest son was then only two and our second son was “on the way.” Bill decided to put his career as Athletic Director, physical education teacher and football/basketball/lacrosse coach on hold to raise our children.

This decision was not easy, since in our society, traditionally the father of the family typically brings home the bacon while mom stays home. Everywhere he goes with the children he is usually the only dad there, whether it’s informal play groups on base, Kindermusik class or daytime swim lessons.

We have MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) for new mothers to support each other and have some time to engage in adult conversation ... but there is no FOPS (Fathers of Preschoolers) or DOPS (Dads ... you get the picture). Yet, in the face of this, Bill marches on, doing a phe-



Mr. Bill Zoldi holds son, Darik.

nomenal job bringing up our three sons.

Frankly, I believe he probably pays more attention to the boys than I would, if I were the stay-at-home parent. I’d be washing, cleaning, and doing not-so-important chores instead of playing with them 24/7. My house may not be the cleanest in town, but it is definitely filled with more love than dirt—and that’s what counts. (Don’t misunderstand me—he does clean ... right before the grandparents come to town...)

In the midst of all this, he finds time to stay both physically and mentally fit. He religiously uses the “Family Room” at the base fitness center to prepare for the 5Ks and Duathalons that motivate him to stay fit. He coaches football for our Alamogordo High School Tigers and attends seminars to hone his coaching skills.

In short, Bill does it all—and to quote Carly Simon in her James Bond theme song, “Nobody Does It Better”! That’s why MY spouse is so wonderful!

-- Maj. Dawn Zoldi

During Spouse Appreciation Month, I would like to share how special my husband, Matt, is and how much I love and appreciate him. Matt and I have been married for 10 wonderful years. It seems like only yesterday when we got married. The time sure does fly when you’re having fun. He is not only my husband, but he is also my best friend, confidant and the most wonderful father in the whole world. He has made many sacrifices so that I could serve my country, but through it all our love has grown and strengthened with each passing moment.

Matt and I had been married 6 years when I joined the Air Force. Our oldest daughter, Stephanie, was only 3, and our youngest daughter, Jessica, was barely a year old. Matt gave up his career in Orlando, Fla., to become a stay-at-home dad while I went off to Officers’ Training School. It was hard for him to give up his job and leave his hometown, family and friends he had known since childhood. Not many men would have been so understanding and supportive. But my husband made those sacrifices because he loves me, he knows I love him more than anything, and we both love our country and want to serve it in any way that we possibly can.

During my military career, Matt and I have spent many months apart while I went away to training courses, field exercises and deployments. And, when I am home, I often spend countless hours at the office. But he never complains. He is always there for me and our children and is always loving and ever faithful. He is my rock! Everyday I serve my country. And everyday, Matt serves his country by supporting me in all that I do and helping me to be all I can be. His love, support, and encouragement are amazing.

Matt is a wonderful father. He takes our daughters to school and pre-school everyday, helps them with their homework, and is very supportive of their ex-

tracurricular activities. Our oldest daughter, Stephanie, is in the Girl Scouts, and Matt spent countless hours helping her troop sell cookies, coordinating events, and attending meetings. Stephanie is also playing baseball now, and Matt coaches her and helps her improve her skills. He helped Stephanie learn to ride her bike, and he’s currently helping Jessica, our youngest, learn to ride her bike. Jessica just joined the daisy troop and will start T-ball next year, so Matt will definitely have his hands full. But he loves every minute of it. He enjoys spending time with our daughters and being there for them.

I can’t tell you enough how much he means to me and how much we appreciate him

Capt. Vicky Kramer

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **14**
 DUIs this year **23**
 This week last year **14**

Last six DUIs

- 49 OSS June 11
- 49 LRS May 16
- 49 MDG May 16
- 49 LRS* May 15
- 49 AMXS May 7
- 49 CS April 11

* Dependent

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

566 Saves this year
23 Saves this week



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Junior Girl Scout Macy Burrows, with the help of First Class Scout Michael Click (left) and Life Scout John McRae, saved the life of 5-year-old Mary Fitzsimmons June 10 at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped swimming pool.

Scouts save girl from drowning

**by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Holloman Junior Girl Scout put her swimming lessons to the test when she helped to save a young girl from drowning June 10 at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped swimming pool.

Macy, 12, daughter of Heather and Tech. Sgt. Merrill Burrows, pulled 5-year-old Mary Fitzsimmons from the pool after she jumped off the diving board into the deep end. Macy said she didn't have any second thoughts about rescuing the young swimmer.

"I saw the little girl on the edge of the pool and I yelled to the lifeguard," she said. "The little girl jumped and that's when I swam out to her. I saw her going down and when I went for

her, all I could see was her legs. I grabbed her and brought her back to the surface. Two Boy Scouts lifted her out of the pool and took her to the side."

At the same time, Macy's mother was at a friend's house waiting for Macy to call to be picked up. When the call came, it wasn't for a ride home.

"I got the call two hours after it all happened," Mrs. Burrows said. "It was so overwhelming; I started to cry. But it didn't surprise me because the opportunity for Macy to use her skills was there and she didn't hesitate."

Macy wasn't alone when the girl was pulled to safety. Helping her was Life Scout John McRae and First Class Scout Michael Click. Mr. McRae said the Boy Scouts of America prepares scouts for this.

"We learn how to save people and use those skills we're

taught," he said. "It really wasn't a big deal to me, but it was a big deal to the little girl we saved. I'm just glad we were there."

For their actions, the Boy Scouts are being considered for the Heroism medal, one of the highest achievement medals the organization has to offer.

Macy is also being considered for the Girl Scout's Bronze Star medal for saving a life.

At the end of the day, Macy saw herself as a hero.

"I saved a life, and I had never done that before," she said. "If I hadn't taken swimming lessons, I wouldn't have been able to help that girl."

Macy had some words of advice for those who want to learn how to swim for the summer months.

"Don't put it off," she said. "You never know when you are going to need it."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Ms. Adrienne Rhodes checks out the library's selection of over 31,000 books. The Air Force gave the library five stars.

Library sees stars

**by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple**

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Holloman Library is one of three libraries across the Air Force to earn five stars during a recent Air Force rating.

The library was graded in five areas, or the five pillars of strength: operations, programs, training, facilities and customer service.

The library shined in all areas, scoring 98 percent in operations, 96 percent in training, 100 percent in facilities, programs and customer service.

“We achieved the 5-star rating because we have a very dedicated staff that provides outstanding library service to the Holloman community,” said Ms. Cora Ahrens, library director. “We’re always striving to do the very best job and provide the services that are expected at all Air Force libraries.”

The friendly library staff’s goal is to assist customers with all of their information and recreational needs, making the facility easier to use, Ms. Ahrens said. It’s well organized with a great selection of materials.

The selection includes over 31,000 books, part of which is a German collection.

“If the book you’re looking for can’t be found within the library walls, the interlibrary loan program makes it possible to get it from another library,” she said.

The library is also equipped with 24 computer workstations, 22 of which are Internet ready.

For people who are more interested in music and movies than books, the library offers over 8,500 videos and CDs.

To keep pace with new technologies, the library is constantly looking to improve the facility.

The staff hopes to get a faster laser color printer for customer printing, Ahrens said. They also hope to receive funding for new books, videos, audio books, software, and music.

“The base library is a valuable asset for Team Holloman members,” said Capt. Chrystal Putnam, 49th SVS support flight commander. “The staff continually strives to raise the bar and set the standard. Even though they’ve earned top ratings, they’re still working 100 percent to serve their customers.”

Airmen get scammed: don't be the next victim

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Everybody's heard the line "Bad credit, no credit...no problem." Some Team Holloman members have been recently scammed by online fraudulent organizations; who's next? A recent victim was asked to provide a large sum of money in order to receive a loan. Watch for these type of scams; it is not normal to give money to receive a loan.

"If something sounds too good to be true ... it probably is," said Holloman Security Forces Detective Mr. Ron Rupe.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when you send money to people you don't know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud. It's very difficult to get your money back if you've been cheated over the phone.

Identity theft is also on the rise. Because military members use their social security numbers often, they're warned to

take precautions against possible identity theft. These thieves use this information to open new credit accounts, run up thousands of dollars of illicit bills, including bank and car loans, which are charged to the victim.

Before giving someone a social security number, question why that person may need it. An Alamogordo adult bookstore requires military members to provide a social security number with their purchase. Don't be vulnerable to these types of situations. Guard personal information to prevent identity theft.

One way thieves can obtain personal information is by stealing a wallet.

To minimize the impact, only carry necessary items and the least amount of credit cards that are needed. Don't keep personal identification numbers written down in a wallet because it makes stealing identities easier.

Thieves also rummage through dumpsters and trash bins for mail. Don't leave outgoing bills in an unlocked mailbox or an office collection. Instead, drop bills off at a post of-

fice collection box. Also, shred bills or mail that contains personal information.

Once a year, order a credit report from one of three major credit bureaus:

Equifax (800) 685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian (888) 397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion (800) 888-4213
www.transunion.com

In a case of stolen identity, contact the local police because as proof of the crime, many creditors require a copy of the report in order to erase the unauthorized debts. Close any account that has been opened fraudulently.

People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years, and thousands of dollars, cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of their good name and credit record, so guard personal information and take steps to avoid having a stolen identity.

For more information about identity theft, log on to the Federal Trade Commission website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or contact the base legal office at 572-7217.

Advance fee scheme

An advance fee scheme occurs when the victim pays money to someone in anticipation of receiving something of greater value, such as a loan, contract, investment, or gift, and then receives little or nothing in return.

The variety of advance fee schemes is limited only by the imagination of the conartists who offer them. They may involve the sale of products or services, the offering of investments, lottery winnings, "found money," or many other "opportunities." Clever conartists will offer to find financing arrangements for their clients who pay a "finder's fee" in advance. They require their clients to sign contracts in which they agree to pay the fee when they are introduced to the financing source. Victims often learn that they are ineligible for financing only after they have paid the "finder" according to the contract. Such agreements may be legal unless it can be shown that the "finder" never had the intention or the ability to provide financing for the victims. (www.fbi.gov/majcases/fraud/fraudschemes.htm)

On the side

Tips to prevent identity theft:

Be aware of what personal information is given to whom.

- Avoid using personal information like social security numbers on personal checks.

- Only carry necessary items in a wallet.

- Don't write down personal identification numbers for debit, credit or ATM cards.

- Shred mail with personal information to protect against dumper divers.

- Get a credit report annually to keep a close eye on accounts.

- Read the fine print before agreeing to anything.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from June 15 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 18 tickets: two for careless driving, two for driving with suspended or revoked license, two for failure to stop, two for limitations on backing, two for no insurance, two for no registration, three for no license, one for no turn signal, one for parking against the flow of traffic and one for speeding 1-10 mph over.

Property loss, damage or theft

- June 15: A backing accident between two privately owned vehicles occurred at the intersection of Lea Court and Boeing Avenue. Both vehicles suffered minor damage.

- June 15: A backing accident occurred between two POV's in a parking lot. There was minor damage to both vehicles.

- June 19: An Airman reported damage to his POV in the parking lot of building 342 between June 2 and June 19. He noticed a six inch by four inch scratch along with a dent in the fender.

- June 21: Two POVs collided when one failed to yield at First Street and Delaware Avenue. The accident resulted in a 6 inch hole in the left rear bumper of one of the vehicles.

Patrol Response

- June 16: A family member dialed 911 in an effort to contact a 912 area code

- June 17: An NCO re-

ported a pit-bull had been fighting with her cat. The owners were briefed on pet policies.

- June 17: A family member reported a stray animal.

- June 18: Two civilians were cited for possessing a controlled substance after a canine alert. A marijuana cigarette was on the dashboard of their moving company van.

- June 18: A family member reported her husband was kicking down the door and leaving with his possessions. An operator heard a hit followed by a scream before the call was disconnected. An Airman was apprehended and charged with assault, damage to government property, interfering with communications and failure to register firearms on-base.

- June 18: A family member reported she was having an allergic reaction to a bee sting and needed medical assistance. A shot of Epinephrine was administered by patrolman as per request of family member. Medical personnel responded to the scene and treated family member. She refused transport to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for further care.

- June 19: An NCO reported and Airman on Nellis Court was vomiting and having abdominal pains. She was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

- June 20: A family member was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment after swallowing an unknown amount of crystal hardener.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppli

Taking the reigns

Col. Andrew Papp, 49th Operations Group commander, passes the 9th Fighter Squadron flag and command to Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman during the 9th FS change of command ceremony June 18.



Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th Fighter Squadron commander salutes his troops during the 9th FS change of command ceremony June 18.

House hears military construction testimony

by **Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski**
Air Force Print News

Justification for the Air Force's annual construction budget request can usually be summed up in a couple of words, the service's top uniformed official said.

Mission accomplishment.

That message was the central theme during testimony on Capitol Hill on June 22, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, Nelson F. Gibbs, testified before the House Committee on Appropriations, subcommittee on military construction.

The leaders discussed the fiscal 2005 Air Force budget overview for military construction.

"The Air Force (fiscal) 2005 military construction budget request reflects our commitment to ensuring the Air Force's continued ability to execute the full range of air and space missions," the general said. "In turn, the Air Force continues to maintain the commitments made last year to invest wisely in installations from which we project air and space power; take care of our

people and their families with adequate housing and quality-of-life improvements; and to sustain the public trust through prudent environmental management."

Continuing a positive trend into 2005, the Air Force military construction program is about the same as the previous year with an increase in the military-family housing program. The requested \$2.6 billion for total-force military construction and military-family housing is a \$200 million increase from last year's request. It includes \$664 million for active construction, \$127 million for Air National Guard construction, more than \$84 million for Air Reserve construction, and more than \$1.7 billion for family housing.

The Air Force has also increased operations and maintenance, sustainment, restoration and modernization funding. With the fiscal 2005 budget request, more than \$2.2 billion will be invested in critical infrastructure maintenance and repair through the O&M program. This year, the amount dedicated to SRM is more than \$200 million greater than the

2004 request. This year's request is up almost 11 percent from last year.

Considering the level of effort across the entire infrastructure spectrum the overall Air Force 2005 budget request is more than \$4.8 billion.

"The near- and long-term readiness of our fighting force depends upon this infrastructure," General Jumper said. "We will continue to enhance our installations' capabilities, remain good stewards of the environment and ensure Air Force infrastructure is properly distributed to maximize military readiness."

The testimony was the last of the service hearings. The subcommittee will mark-up the budget request in early July and present it to the full House Appropriations Committee and then to the House floor, where all members will vote on the MILCON appropriations bill for fiscal 2005. The Senate conducts similar hearings and a vote. Both House and Senate confer on the bill before October 2004 to reach consensus before presenting the final version for the president to sign into law.

Manpower, personnel merging

by **1st Lt. Elaine M. Larson**
Air Education and Training Command

Manpower, personnel, and education and training functions will merge and realign under mission support squadrons at installations throughout the Air Force beginning July 1.

"Manpower and personnel have been separate disciplines throughout the Air Force's history," said Col. Douglas V. Bell, Air Education and Training Command's manpower and organization chief. "Merging them will provide cradle-to-grave processes for human resource management."

As part of the realignment, mission support squadrons will now be responsible for both manpower and personnel actions, Colonel Bell said.

"The new organization will better align both military and civilian resources with manpower

requirements for mission accomplishment," he said.

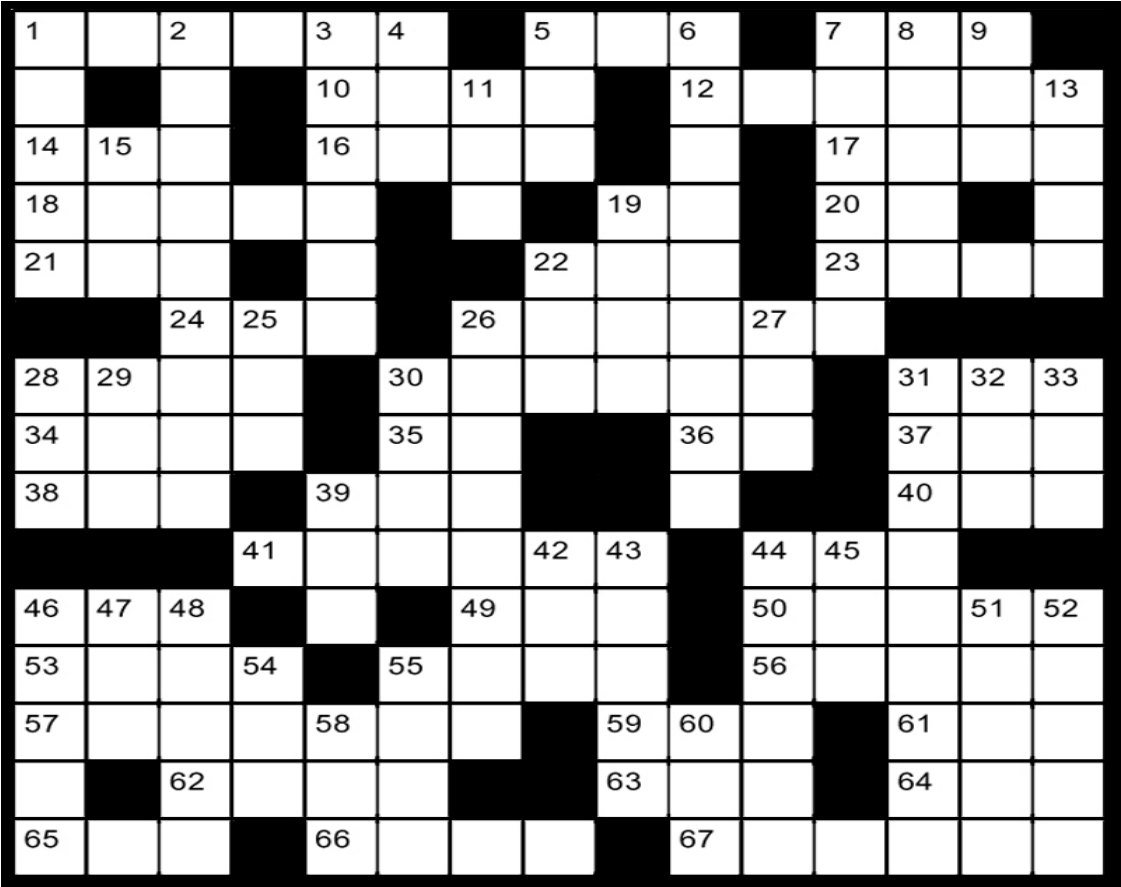
"The increased emphasis on force development demands a better linkage between manpower requirement determination and resource development and employment," according to the Program Action Directive signed by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

Currently, people in separate Air Force specialties manage the three functions.

"Unfortunately, actions often happen within the separate stovepipes that hinder their overall efficiency," according to the directive.

The merger may involve a physical move to mission support squadron locations, but should otherwise be invisible to the customer, said Bill Friday, the deputy chief AETC's manpower and organization.

CROSSWORD



Remembering the “Forgotten War”

ACROSS

1. Reservoir, site of fierce Korean War battle
5. Uncle ____; icon for 36
ACROSS
7. TV channel
10. Singer Jones
12. Skillful
14. Scamp
16. Team of mechanics or technicians
17. Render ____ Caesar
18. DPRK; ____ Korea
19. Tail markings for 149th FW aircraft
20. One’s self
21. Honest person
22. Mongrel
23. Snakes
24. Male offspring
26. Imbecile
28. Singer Diana
30. Beat
31. Cooking spray
34. Mining goals
35. State home to 939th RQW
36. America, for short
37. Mil. overseas address
38. Singer Rock
39. Chinese communist leader Tse-tung
40. Formerly
41. USAF member
44. Tight spot
46. Observe

49. Actress Lupino
50. Spew
53. Tuscany river
55. Plant part
56. Peninsula linking SW Asia with NE Africa
57. Spots of a darker color
59. Tolkien character
61. Muppets creator Henson
62. Brief recording to show artist’s abilities
63. Female deer
64. Rio de ____, southern part of Western Sahara
65. Greek goddess of the dawn
66. Ambition
67. Earthquake
DOWN
1. DPRK supporter in Korean War
2. Downtrodden
3. Site of 6 DOWN’s landing to turn war
4. Neither’s partner
5. Cutting tool
6. Top general at beginning of Korean War
7. U.S. president for most of Korean War
8. Ulna and femur
9. Rest on one’s laurels
11. Sea between NE Africa and Arabian Peninsula
13. Throw
15. Horde
19. Used in cooking and for

- making tallow
22. Sob
25. CIA precursor
26. Operation for 6 DOWN’s landing at 3 DOWN
27. Instant computer messages, in short
28. South Korea, informally
29. USAF inspection
30. Bellow
31. Site of Korean War armistice signing
32. Mock
33. A Stooge
39. “Alley” in Korean War air battles
42. Spring drink
43. Nominated
44. Comedian
45. Former White House spokesman Fleischer
46. USAF frontline jet fighter in Korean War
47. Mistake
48. Writers Blyton and Bagnold
51. Declaration on post-WWII Korea
52. Island of southeast Indonesia
54. Single
55. North American plum tree
58. Established at 38th Parallel
60. No

Housing information

Base housing residents must provide the Housing Management Office with 30 to 45 days notice prior to leaving base. The pre-final inspection should be done 30 days prior to the final, and the final three days prior to leaving the base. When the resident is notified (verbally or by rip), he can schedule the pre-final; at that time he will receive a copy of the cleaning standards and start preparing for the final inspection. To schedule a final, the resident must have a hard copy of orders. The housing office will also forward an advance application to the gaining installation when orders are available.

For more information, call the housing office at 572-3982.

Islamic Meeting

Dr. Fakhouri has a Muslim prayer time and meeting with those interested in the Islamic faith on the following dates at the Holloman Base Chapel, from noon to 1 p.m., today and July 9.

For more information call the chapel 572-7211.

Road closure

Due to the re-routing and widening of 49er Road, there will be a road closure on Arizona Avenue from First Street to Arnold Avenue.

The road will be closed until Sept. 6. There will be a detour to access Otero Federal Credit Union and Wells Fargo Bank from Western New Mexico Road at Fourth Street, next to the post office. Detour signs will be posted.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo at 572-3066.

Keystone news

Holloman's Keystone Club has a Summer Youth Olympics July 30 and 31 at the Fitness and Sports Center. The event is a joint project with the Boys and Girls Club of America and Nickelodeon to tackle the issue of youth obesity.

B On the BIG SCREEN



Mean Girls (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., today

Van Helsing (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

New York Minute (PG)

6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.



Photo by Ms. Crystal Bender

Dancin'

Ms. Terry Alvarez from Las Cruces, performed a traditional dance and educated her audience about New Mexico at the base library Tuesday during the summer reading program activities.

The event will have an opening ceremony and an awards banquet on July 31. A National Kids Day will be 1 to 4 p.m. July 31. Olympic competitions include track and field, swimming, gymnastics, BMX racing, skateboarding and much more.

Youth can sign up for the Olympics at the Youth and Teen Center by July 16. Cost is \$5 and this includes the price of a T-shirt. The Keystone Club also needs volunteers for judging, setup, and activities. Experts are needed in BMX racing, skateboarding, gymnastics, track and field and swimming.

For information, call Ms. Matrice Adger at 921-2231 or 572-3753 or Mr. Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

Missoula theater

The Whispering Sands Community Center is having the Missoula Children's Theater July 12 to 17. Auditions will be 10 a.m., July 12. Parents should have their

children in place by 9:45 a.m. This year's production is "Rumplestiltskin" and children from first grade and older may audition. Performances are 7:30 p.m., July 16 and 2 p.m., July 17.

For more information call the community center at 572-7476.

Running track

In an effort to help Team Holloman remain the most fit in Air Combat Command, the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron is remodeling the running track. The new track will have a shock absorbing surface made from ground up tires. The construction is estimated to be complete on Sept. 2. The track will be closed during this time.

Techno expo

The Alamogordo Public School hosts the annual Technology ReBoot Camp from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., August 2 - 5 at Mountain View Middle School, 300

South Canyon Road, Alamogordo. Keynote speakers include Ms. Jamie McKenzie, Mr. Alan November, Mr. Steven Easley and more than 40 presenters in leading teachers and other school staff in technology integration ideas.

For more information, call 439-3270 extension 151.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses - 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday - Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.



Cadet 2nd Class Robert Roby, Air Force Academy, drags a dummy during one of the obstacles on the Emergency Services Team course. EST members are trained to pull victims from the scene of a crisis.



Cadet 1st Class Dennis Napier, 915th ROTC detachment, West Virginia University, pushes a car during the Emergency Services Team course. Each obstacle overcome by the cadets mimics potential risks they are faced with in a crisis.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Cadet 2nd Class Jeffrey Lacy, Air Force Academy, low crawls during one of the obstacles on the Emergency Services Team course. Cadets from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Academy take part in a two-week professional development course between there junior and senior year in college.

Cadets take on EST challenge

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Cadets from the Air Force Academy and ROTC visited Holloman June 7 through today for professional development training that includes shadowing officers and enlisted personnel as well as learning more about the operational Air Force.

Included in the training are opportunities to learn more about specialized training that members go through, such as the Emergency Services Team training course located in the north area of the base. Cadet 1st Class Dennis Napier, Air Force ROTC detachment 915, said the train-

ing is difficult for anyone, regardless of rank.

“The training was pretty rough,” Cadet Napier said. “After looking back and putting it all together, it just tires your body out. It’s a good way to push yourself to find out what your limits really are.”

During the course, Napier was joined with two cadets from the Air Force Academy, Cadets 2nd Class Robert Roby and Jeffrey Lacy. They were challenged with obstacles including building entry, the low crawl, and extracting a dummy all while wearing a flak vest. Cadet Napier said it put into perspective what it



Cadet 2nd Class Robert Roby rests after completing the EST course.

takes to be an Air Force officer.

“To be a good officer, you must lead from the front,” he said. “That means you have to be in good physical shape to show your Airmen the right way to go.”

GI Bill still important after 60 years of life

by Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

Times were tough. The nation was slowly emerging from the Great Depression when World War II flared up in 1941.

Before the war, the unemployment rate hovered at 15 percent, more than 11 million homes did not have running water or electricity, and fewer than 50,000 taxpayers earned more than \$2,500 a year, according to Census Bureau statistics.

After the war, thousands of Americans were flocking to colleges and vocational schools, buying homes, farms and businesses — all thanks to the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 known simply as the GI Bill. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law 60 years ago June 22.

Passing the GI Bill brought more than 16 million veterans into a peacetime economy. Since it provided education and home-ownership opportunities to millions, some dubbed the bill the “magic carpet to the middle class.”

Historians say the GI Bill contributed more than any other program in history to the welfare of veterans and their families, and to the growth of the

nation’s economy. Its social impact is still felt today, said retired Navy Vice Adm. Daniel Cooper, undersecretary of Veterans Affairs for benefits.

“Several bills were proposed between 1942 and 1944 that were debated and held up,” Admiral Cooper said. “But finally, the American Legion jumped in, sat down and wrote the first draft in a hotel room. The American Legion pushed very hard to ensure that a bill did get written and passed. After going through a lot of debate, it passed with a large majority.”

One primary reason for the bill was to help millions of young veterans readjust to civilian life, Admiral Cooper said.

Today’s GI Bill benefits are built upon what was done in 1944 — and improved and increased over the years, the admiral said.

During the past 60 years, the GI Bill has made possible the investment of billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans.

The importance of today’s GI Bill to American society is probably more important to individuals because a college education is so important, Admiral Cooper said.

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Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore

Steelin’ the show

Hines Ward, Pittsburgh Steeler wide receiver, signs Susan Perkin’s jersey while she holds her 14-month-old daughter, Mattie, at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, June 17. Mr. Ward’s stop is part of a Air Forces in Europe tour.



Intramural Standings - Softball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
49 LRS A	11	3	49 AMXS	6	8
49 MMG A	10	4	49 SFS	5	9
AMMO A	9	4	49 MDG A	5	8
49 CES A	7	7	AGE	5	9

(Current as of June 21)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss	Team	Win	Loss
49 MXS/AVIONICS	12	1	49 MOS	5	7
49 SVS	10	3	49 MXS/MXMTI	5	6
46 TG	10	1	9 FS	3	7
49 CS	9	3	49 MDG	2	11
4 SPCS	8	4	49 MXS/AMMO B	2	9
49 OSS	8	4	49 LRS B	2	8
49 MMG B	7	5	GAF	0	11
49 CES B	5	7			

(Current as of June 22)



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MDG B catcher Orlando Villarreal gets tagged out by Avionics third baseman Ricky Whitehouse as he slides into third. MDG B lost to Avionics 20-4 Tuesday night.

Medically discharged

Avionics pummels MDG B 20-4

by Airman 1st Class

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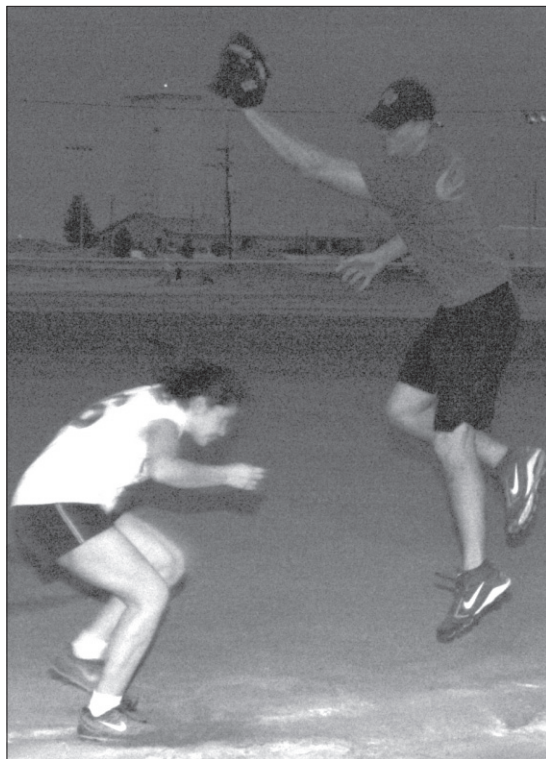
The 49th Maintenance Squadron Avionics team defeated the 49th Medical Group B team 20-4 Tuesday night during intramural softball play at Johnson Field.

Avionics batted first, putting two runs on the board with hits by left centerfielder Jon Shumard and first baseman David Hamilton. Following close behind, right fielder Carlos Leon pulled in shortstop Steve Zimmerman with a run batted in to start the game, up by four.

Keeping the score tight, MDG B added runs of their own with two hits by pitcher Josef Johnson and right fielder Marius Caliean. After battling a rundown between second and third base, Johnson slipped into home, setting his team down by one, 3-4.

Avionics began to shutdown MDG B in the bottom of the second with three catches in a row with a big third out caught by third baseman Terrel Reed, toss to Hamilton on first. Avionics went into the third with right centerfielder Justen Gunter placing his people on base after a hit to the centerfield fence. They led by 6 going into the fourth.

After keeping the MDG B team from scoring again in the third, Avionics continued to break away entirely, adding 11 more runs to there already 6-run lead. A home run hit by Hamilton brought in Shumard and Gunter to end the fourth 20-3.



MDG B first baseman Natalie Flores ducks as Avionics first baseman David Hamilton makes a catch over her head.

MDG B would only add one more run before three outs in the bottom of the fourth ended the game 20-4.

Avionics remains number one in the small unit league with 12 wins and one loss.

Utility uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online July 1.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in July, around the same date the new Internet survey goes online.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close.

"If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks so much better in person,'" she said.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no

squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25. Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

AF officials take a second look at 'code-C' limitations

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code "C."

"The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations, and the medical conditions that drive (the codes), to see if we can come up with a long-term solution, rather than a short-term, force-reduction tool," said Col. Michael Hayden. He is the chief

of the Air Force military policy division at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a DOS of no later than June 30, 2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date.

Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Colonel Hayden said.

"We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking

into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen," he said.

Because the service is becoming more of an expeditionary force, the idea behind the policy is still a factor, Colonel Hayden said.

"We need to look at how we can shape our force to meet the (air and space expeditionary force) construct," he said.

For more information about force shaping contact Holloman's Air Force Reserve recruiter, Master Sgt. Phillip Burleigh at 572-2120 or the Guard recruiter, Master Sgt. Louis Birkholz at 572-0026.

